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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Luncheon with Charles J.V. Murphy, Allen W. Dulles, and General Black

1. I was the guest today at the 1925 F Street Club of Charles J.V. Murphy of FORTUNE Magazine, with Allen W. Dulles, and General Black of IRS, formerly of OSS.

2. Mr. Dulles said that Tom Wicker of the NEW YORK TIMES is coming to see him in the next few days on a story the TIMES plans to do on CIA. He does not know whether it will be one article or a series. I told Mr. Dulles that we had seen Wicker, Max Frankel, and John Finney. I told him that we had explained to them that we would not discuss operations or the other things which the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949 say we will not discuss, such as our budget, the number of our personnel, and the structure of our organization. Mr. Dulles said we have always discussed our structure which includes the Director of Central Intelligence, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, and several Deputy Directors. I told him, however, that it is my impression we should not continue this practice, which was peculiar to his administration, because of targeting and also the fact that Deputy Directors are not permanent but will change from time to time, and no good purpose is served by saying that Mr. X, Y, or Z is a Deputy Director of this, that, or the other. He asked if I would send him the CIA Act of 1949 which he would like to read before he sees Wicker and if I would also send him a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD which cites previous investigations including that of his group of CIA which were made public some years ago. I told him I would get them in the mail this afternoon so that he would have time to read them before seeing Wicker. I also told him that I thought that the briefing on a non-attribution basis with Wicker, Frankel, and Finney was most excellent, was devoted solely to the overt, to the excellence of our personnel, and to the necessity for our anonymity, our secrecy, and our efficiency.

3. General Black, who was in OSS with Mr. Dulles as a major in the Army, asked if he might be able to have a briefing on the overall situation in Latin America, not just principal characters, but the situation as it is now and what the thrust is toward the future. This would be an official non-attribution briefing. I told him to telephone to me and make his request as to when he would like to have it, etc., and I was sure we would do it. Mr. Dulles suggested J.C. King to be the one to do it. I said I didn't know whether King would be available or not and I rather thought that maybe some other people in the Agency might do the briefing. Mr. Dulles thought maybe Des Fitzgerald should do it. I said that after we got General Black's request we would provide the best people that we thought could meet his wishes.

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4. Mr. Murphy was later surprising in again bringing up "The Penkovskiy Papers." He expressed the belief that there was something very mysterious about CIA's attitude on the origin of the book by Gibney. He said that John Steele is highly disturbed because Steele, as the Washington Bureau Chief of TIME, always wants to impress the New York headquarters with the great "ins" that he has in high government circles. For some two years he has impressed New York that he might be able to get the inside story on Penkovskiy with at least excerpts of the papers in the CIA's possession. He said that Steele had discussed this with President Kennedy. He said recently Steele discussed the subject with Mr. Helms in the presence of Medley Donovan. He quoted Mr. Steele as having said that Mr. Helms said, "There will be no public discussion of this matter." Steele now feels, according to Murphy, that the Gibney story is certainly public. Murphy on his own philosophizes that it had to come from: (1) the CIA; (2) the British in cooperation with CIA; (3) the British without cooperation with CIA; (4) from Eastern Germany; (5) from Moscow, which he considers very doubtful; (6) from someone in the Western world with whom Penkovskiy had left a copy of his papers. Murphy implied very strongly that he suspects CIA is behind this publication. I stressed and restressed and repeated that CIA had absolutely nothing to do with this thing, knew it first from Gibney, and that they should check with their former employee, Gibney, who may tell them where he got the papers. Murphy said they were doing that. He further stated that the fact that Gibney had been critical of the CIA during the Cuban missile crisis might make him a logical fellow to give the story to, and that the fact that Mr. Deriabin had association with this new book also pointed to the CIA.

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